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Soviet Ambassador Nenshihov called at his request on Secretary 6:30 today on instructions to give reply to Secretary's oral statement made to Soviet Charge August 11.

In reply Secretary said US prepared undertake business like constructive negotiations

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negotiations which might find solution present crisis; is prepared ^{consider} ~~his own~~ views of all parties concerned. Expects discuss these problems with Gromyko in New York if this acceptable to latter. However, did not wish discuss formulations of subjects which might be subject conversations between himself and Gromyko. Re Menshikov's second point, Secretary said he simply wished to remind him US has received more than one written communication from Soviet Government and has observed apparent threats including some from East German regime against air corridors linking West Berlin and West Germany. In ~~that~~ oral statement August 11, Secretary said, he was underscoring position by unilateral actions against Western rights and interests in not only dangerous in themselves but impaired prospects negotiations. Secretary said language Ambassador used does not impress US; it was not ^{US} ~~him~~ ^{raised question} ~~which~~ ~~of~~ ~~pressures~~ against our rights of access to Berlin, nor ~~him~~ ~~HE~~ which has taken unilateral actions. Rather these have come from ~~the~~ other side. It is important it be clearly understood /that his oral statement of August 11, written communications and published statements by President and others are serious statements and should be taken seriously.

Secretary ~~will~~ went on to illustrate kind of unhelpful incidents which could increase tensions and danger ^{by referring to} ~~by referring to~~ ~~reports~~ that certain civilian aircraft flying in corridor between West Germany and West Berlin were closely bussed by fighter aircraft from other side. We are trying get all facts of incident but understand aircraft flying under normal conditions in corridor and had usual

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clearances from RASC. This type of harassment ~~is~~ ^{and close} approach without any indication of purpose and attitude ought to be avoided at this time. Such incidents raised rather than solved problems ~~which~~ ^{there} both governments should seek to avoid at this time. Secretary concluded ~~it~~ ^{by authorities} was possibility problem involved these incidents could be worked out/on spot.

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